

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

COUNTY OF SOMERSET, S. S.

Hall Mills - 105, 932 -

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HENRY B. CARPENDER, being duly sworn upon his oath, says:

On Thursday, August 12, 1926, I was served with a warrant, a copy of which is annexed hereto, together with copies of the complaints upon which the said warrant was issued, charging me with the murder of Elenor Mills on or about the 14th day of September, 1922. Since the said 12th day of August, 1926, I have been and now am confined in the Common Jail of Somerset County at Somerville, New Jersey.

I did not commit said murder and I have no information as to who did. Said murder, together with the murder of Edward W. Hall, was investigated by the Somerset County Grand Jury in November, 1922, at which time, my name having been connected with the crime in the newspapers, I offered to said grand jury in writing to appear before it and to waive immunity if called to appear. I was not called, and prior to my recent arrest was never examined by the authorities. Said grand jury investigation did not result in any indictment, although Mrs. Jane Gibson, who recently has testified at an inquiry conducted by Judge Cleary in connection with my arrest that by the flash of a pocket light in the hands of some unknown third party she saw me at the scene of the crime with a glittering object in my hand immediately before shots were fired, appeared and testified before said grand jury. Said Jane Gibson testified at said inquiry before Judge Cleary that she identified me several weeks before said grand jury investigation, as the man she saw at the scene of said crime. I believe she told the full story to said grand jury which she told before Judge Cleary.